

# THE SAN FRANCISCO YACHT CLUB



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## **2014 Express 27 National Championship**

**August 28-31, 2014**

### **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

**Organizing Authority: The San Francisco Yacht Club, Belvedere, California**

#### **1 RULES**

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), and the Express 27 class rules.
- 1.2 Appendix T Section A (PENALTIES WHILE RACING) shall apply. The first two sentences of rule 44.1 are changed to: 'A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 while racing. However, when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty.'
- 1.3 Appendix T Section B (POST RACE PENALTIES) shall apply.
- 1.4 RRS 40 is deleted and replaced with, "Competitors shall wear personal flotation devices, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Wet suits and dry suits are not personal flotation devices."

#### **2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located outside on the SFYC deck.

#### **3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1900 on the day before it will take effect.

#### **4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the main flagpole located adjacent to the clubhouse.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in race signal AP.

#### **5 SCHEDULE OF RACES**

- 5.1 Thursday, Aug 28 1630-2000:Late registration, check-in, and weigh-in (Sailing Center)
  
- Friday, Aug 29 0800-0900:Weigh-in (Sailing Center)  
0930:Skippers' Meeting (Main deck)

1130:First warning signal, races 2 and 3 to follow race 1  
Beer and snacks on the Corinthian deck after racing  
1800:Express 27 annual class meeting (Sailing Center)

Saturday, Aug 30 1130:Warning signal for race 4  
Distance race to follow  
Regatta reception and party after racing in the Cove House

Sunday, Aug 31 1130:Warning signal for race 6, race 7 to follow race 6  
1500:No starts to take place after this time  
Beer, snacks, and trophy presentation at the Cove House after racing  
Beer will be provided by Trumer Pils, SFYC Race Program Beer Sponsor.

5.2 After the first race each day, the warning signal for the following races will be made as soon as practicable. To alert boats that another race will begin soon, a series of short sound signals and a radio announcement may be made.

5.3 No starts will be made after 1500 hours on Sunday.

## **6 COMMUNICATIONS**

The Race Committee may use VHF channel USA 65A to communicate information about course selection, time to start, and the sail numbers of boats that are OCS or have violated RRS 30. Neither failure of the Race Committee to communicate the sail numbers of recalled boats in a timely manner, nor failure of a recalled boat to receive or hear transmitted information, will be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.

## **7 CLASS FLAGS**

Class flag will be white with a black Express 27 insignia.

## **8 RACING AREA**

The racing area will be in the vicinity of the Berkeley Olympic Circle.

## **9 THE COURSES**

9.1 **Attachment A** shows the courses. Marks 1, 1a, 16, and 8 shall be left to port. Marks 2s and 2p are a gate. If one of the gate marks is missing, boats shall round the remaining mark to port. The distance race will start after the finish of the first race on Saturday, but not before 1300 hours.

9.2 The course to be sailed will be designated by placards displayed from the race committee signal boat.

## **10 MARKS**

Marks for courses 1, 2, and 3 will be red SFYC inflatable buoys. Marks for course 4 will be YRA marks.

## **11 THE START**

11.1 The starting line will be between a halyard or staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat and a yellow inflatable mark.

11.2 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS). This changes RRS A4.1.

## **12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or finish line) to a new position and signal this change in accordance with rule 33.

### **13 THE FINISH**

- 13.1 The downwind finish line, for courses 1 and 3, will be between a halyard or staff displaying a blue flag on a race committee boat and a yellow inflatable mark.
- 13.2 The upwind finish line, for course 2, will be between a halyard or staff displaying a blue flag on a race committee boat and a yellow inflatable mark set approximately 100 yards upwind of mark 1.
- 13.3 The finish line for course 4 will be between a halyard or staff displaying a blue flag on a race committee boat and a yellow inflatable mark set in the vicinity of Knox.

### **14 SAFETY**

A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible. Boats leaving the race area prior to the conclusion of racing are requested to notify the race committee on VHF USA 65A.

### **15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 15.1 Protest forms will be available at the Regatta Table in the clubhouse. Protests shall be delivered to the race committee representative at the Regatta Table within the protest time limit, which shall be one hour after the race committee signal boat returns to the dock. The time will be posted on the official notice board.
- 15.2 Notices will be posted immediately following the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties, and the time such hearings will commence.
- 15.3 On the last day of the regatta a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered
  - (a) within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day;
  - (b) no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision that day.This changes RRS 66.

### **16 SCORING**

Three races must be completed to constitute a series. A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores

### **17 PRIZES**

Prizes will be awarded after the racing on Sunday, August 31, on the SFYC deck.

### **18 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

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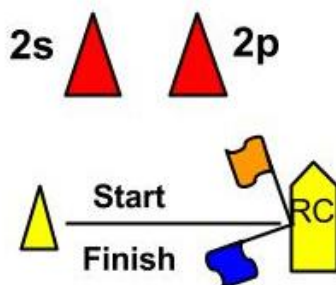
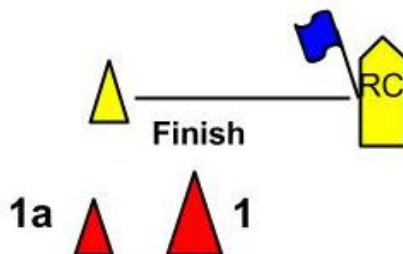
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**NOTE: Parking in the SFYC lot will be restricted during the regatta. Two parking passes will be issued per boat. Passes may be picked up at the SFYC Race Office, located in the parking lot, on August 28 or 29.**

# ATTACHMENT A

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### COURSES



Marks 1, 1a, and 2s/2p are red inflatable buoys.

The start and finishing marks are yellow inflatable buoys.

Mark 16 is "Blackaller," a yellow YRA mark 0.2 nm east of Fort Point.

Mark 8 is a red channel marker 1 nm east-southeast of Point Blunt.

Marks 1, 1a, 16, and 8 are rounding marks and shall be left to port; Marks 2s and 2p are a gate. If one of the gate marks is missing, boats shall round the remaining mark to port.

#### Courses

1 – Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – Finish Downwind

3 – Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – Finish Upwind

2 – Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – Finish Downwind

4 – Start – 16 – 8 – Finish Upwind (in the vicinity of Knox)